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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise from \$2,081.0 million in February to \$2,098.3 million in March (a gain of about one percent), resulted from increases in exports of manufactured foodstuffs and finished manufactures which were partly offset by decreases in exports of crude materials, crude foodstuffs, and semimanufactures. The March 1963 domestic merchandise export total was about 15 percent higher than the March 1962 total of \$1,822.5 million.^{1,2} These totals include data on Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments.

With Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments excluded, the March domestic merchandise export total amounted to \$2,031.7 million, about two percent more than the February total of \$1,996.8 million and about 15 percent more than the March 1962 total of \$1,760.8 million.

The increase in exports of manufactured foodstuffs from \$130.6 million in February to \$157.1 million in March was mainly due to increases in exports of refined vegetable oils and fats and

waxes, from \$7.6 to \$19.9 million; milled rice, from \$17.0 to \$23.2 million; wheat flour, from \$10.1 to \$16.0 million; and dairy products, from \$7.0 to \$12.2 million. Exports of finished manufactures advanced from \$1,231.2 to \$1,256.3 million reflecting, in part, noticeable increases in exports of the following commodities included in this economic class: office, accounting, and computing machines and parts, from \$30.0 to \$40.2 million; railway transportation equipment, from \$8.1 to \$14.6 million; metal manufactures, from \$43.3 to \$49.3 million; steel mill manufactures, from \$12.5 to \$17.6 million; paper and manufactures, from \$26.4 to \$29.5 million; agricultural machines, implements and parts, from \$15.6 to \$18.6 million; and construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, from \$75.9 to \$78.8 million. However, exports of aircraft, parts and accessories, also included in this economic class, fell from \$145.4 to \$130.3 million.

The drop in exports of crude materials from \$226.7 to \$205.0 million was due chiefly to decreases in exports of oilseeds, from \$53.5 to \$40.3 million and unmanufactured cotton from \$69.6 to \$59.3 million. Exports of crude foodstuffs decreased from \$197.7 million in February to \$190.0 million in March. Exports of semimanufactures declined from \$294.9 to \$290.0 million as decreases in exports of distillate and residual fuel oil, from \$17.7 to \$7.3 million and wood pulp, from \$18.3 to \$15.0 million were largely offset by increases in exports of industrial chemicals, excluding Special Category type 1, from \$27.3 to \$35.1 million and crude vegetable oils and fats, from \$1.1 to \$6.5 million.

¹The Bureau of the Census does not have adequate information to measure the effect on the statistics of the dock strike which began midnight December 23 and continued through January 25, 1963.

²See the March 1963 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

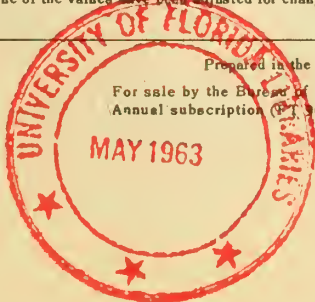
RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under \$100 (estimated data for such shipments are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under \$50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
MARCH 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1963 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1962 include revisions published with the December 1962 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1963. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Economic class and commodity ¹	March 1963	February 1963	March 1962	Monthly average 1962
Total.....value..	² 2,098.3	³ 2,081.0	⁴ 1,822.5	⁵ 1,779.9
Crude materials.....value..	205.0	226.7	169.1	186.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	7.7	7.1	6.3	6.9
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	164,113	138,227	117,752	132,378
value..	9.8	8.6	8.2	8.6
Oilseeds.....value..	40.3	53.5	29.2	35.7
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	36,027	30,926	28,941	39,073
value..	27.4	24.2	21.6	31.1
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	477	573	415	342
value..	59.3	69.6	53.8	44.8
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	2,988	2,733	2,534	3,357
value..	29.0	26.3	24.4	31.4
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	96	122	215	149
value..	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4
All other crude materials.....value..	31.1	37.1	24.9	27.2
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	190.0	197.7	177.3	167.3
Corn.....1,000 bu..	36,449	32,976	37,209	35,383
value..	49.7	49.7	47.0	43.9
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	55,141	51,538	49,856	43,014
value..	98.8	93.7	87.7	77.8
Other grains.....value..	16.1	30.4	22.5	23.3
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	237,135	211,710	99,511	117,706
value..	11.8	10.4	6.8	7.0
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	69,720	66,348	98,969	120,946
value..	6.9	6.2	7.4	9.4
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.3	0.9	1.1	1.2
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	6.5	6.3	4.8	4.7
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	157.1	130.6	122.0	113.8
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	52,590	49,808	39,482	43,065
value..	13.8	13.5	11.5	12.7
Lard.....1,000 lb..	40,496	37,551	33,560	35,174
value..	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.4
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	80,262	49,592	53,720	40,045
value..	12.2	7.0	8.6	6.8
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	3,115	4,195	3,678	2,976
value..	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	348	255	236	192
value..	23.2	17.0	15.5	12.7
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	4,196	2,953	3,647	2,687
value..	16.0	10.1	13.8	10.4
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	4.5	4.6	3.5	4.0
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	13,578	13,461	22,180	18,868
value..	2.9	3.0	4.4	3.9
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	40,855	30,809	56,375	50,224
value..	5.7	4.2	7.6	6.6
Fruit juices.....1,000 gal..	3,607	3,498	3,129	3,111
value..	4.3	4.8	3.4	3.5
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	163,758	54,187	46,126	73,132
value..	19.9	7.6	6.7	9.9
Sugar and related products.....value..	2.8	1.6	1.4	1.6
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	15.1	19.8	20.3	15.3
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	31.9	32.2	20.5	21.7
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	290.0	294.9	254.1	253.7
Leather.....value..	3.6	4.0	2.8	2.8
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	63,522	67,043	62,699	56,690
value..	14.7	15.2	15.6	14.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
MARCH 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity ¹	March 1963	February 1963	March 1962	Monthly average 1962
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶ --Continued				
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	4.0	4.6	4.0	4.0
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	62,455	10,208	34,137	65,082
.....value..	6.5	1.1	4.3	6.9
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	40,794	41,173	31,098	30,434
.....value..	5.8	5.8	4.8	4.5
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	12,207	16,135	11,352	11,411
.....value..	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	17,371	20,770	17,139	18,097
.....value..	13.9	13.4	14.2	14.0
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	70,582	61,143	69,582	63,164
.....value..	8.7	8.0	8.3	7.6
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	116	136	83	99
.....value..	15.0	18.3	11.0	13.1
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	2,508	4,657	2,251	1,814
.....value..	7.3	17.7	6.6	5.2
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	128	111	139	128
.....value..	2.7	2.6	3.2	3.0
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	1.1	1.3	1.1	2.1
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	14,881	18,617	11,846	17,103
.....value..	1.8	2.2	1.7	2.1
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	131,410	132,315	112,942	120,054
.....value..	16.7	16.5	14.0	14.2
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	87,707	68,247	74,906	65,682
.....value..	6.6	5.1	5.5	5.0
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	14.0	16.7	14.3	14.9
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	11.8	13.6	10.9	10.5
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	17.8	15.6	18.0	17.8
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	16.3	15.5	13.6	15.3
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	80,249	85,074	78,496	72,498
.....value..	26.9	28.4	25.1	23.5
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	35.1	27.3	26.5	26.5
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	52,803	48,859	55,085	48,118
.....value..	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.0
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials ⁷1,000 lb..	115,198	183,425	103,239	133,423
.....value..	2.4	2.7	2.8	3.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 ⁶ , ⁷value..	50.1	51.7	38.5	36.8
Finished manufactures.....value..	1,256.3	1,231.2	1,100.0	1,058.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	100	97	86	89
.....value..	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.9
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	12.2	11.4	9.9	9.3
Cigarettes.....millions..	2,043	2,148	2,097	2,007
.....value..	9.2	9.5	9.3	8.9
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.9
Cotton cloth.....value..	10.2	11.6	12.0	9.9
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	9.3	8.5	8.2	7.4
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	17.6	16.7	14.4	13.3
Other textile manufactures.....value..	6.7	7.1	6.1	5.7
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	2.4	2.5	2.9	2.7
Paper and manufactures.....value..	29.5	26.4	24.0	24.0
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	2.1	3.8	1.4	2.4
Lubricating oil.....value..	18.7	17.9	16.0	18.8
Glass and products.....value..	10.1	8.3	8.0	7.8
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	17.6	12.5	9.6	10.5
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	49.3	43.3	39.2	37.9
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	23,132	16,116	22,519	20,429
.....value..	3.4	2.5	3.2	3.0
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	34.9	36.1	26.4	28.8
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	82.4	85.5	69.2	73.2
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	30.9	31.6	27.5	27.5
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	78.8	75.9	67.8	69.0
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	24.6	27.0	29.7	28.2
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	19.6	22.5	18.4	15.7
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	16.3	14.5	20.7	14.1
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	123.6	114.2	101.2	97.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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¹Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request.

²Includes \$66.6 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments (\$16.0 million to Western Europe). ³Includes \$84.2 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments (\$32.4 million to Western Europe). ⁴Includes \$61.8 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments (\$28.7 million to Western Europe). ⁵Includes \$67.5 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments (\$27.5 million to Western Europe). ⁶See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category commodities and list of commodities included.